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Preliminary Hearing Set for Doctor, Two Associates Charged in Prescription Fraud Scheme

A Santa Monica physician and two associates are due in court this morning for their preliminary hearing on charges that they orchestrated an elaborate scheme to fill fraudulent prescriptions, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Dr. Daniel Shin (dob 6-24-65), his office manager, Thomas Mark Oseransky (dob 6-27-65), and a colleague, Dyno Travato West (dob 6-9-76), are scheduled to appear after 8:30 a.m. at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30. The defendants are charged in case No. BA421892.

All three have pleaded not guilty to 21 felony and five misdemeanor counts that range from conspiracy to obtain controlled substances by fraud, issuing false prescriptions, identity theft, possession of controlled substances and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Deputy District Attorneys Ryan Dibble and Emily Street of the Major Narcotics Division are prosecuting the case.

Shin operates a pain management clinic in Santa Monica. Prosecutors said the three orchestrated a complex scheme to have Shin write numerous fraudulent prescriptions in order for codefendants Oseransky and West to fill prescriptions for oxycodone.

The charges stem from an investigation conducted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and their health task force.

Shin is being held on \$150,000 bail. West is being held on \$140,000 bail. Oseransky was released on \$30,000 bail.

If convicted, Shin faces up to nine years in local custody. Oseransky faces up to four years, four months in local custody. West, who has a prior residential burglary conviction, faces a maximum of 14 years in state prison.

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<u>Office</u> prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.